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“Alas the fearful unbelief is unbelief in yourself.”

Thomas Carlyle.

Born December 4, 1795.

Elective Courses

Several times in the past few weeks we have been approached in the subject of starting the teaching of new courses at Armour or reviving interest in old ones. The latest request concerns a course in public speaking.

There is a considerable number of courses at Armour in the same general classification with that in public speaking. By that we mean courses that are offered to the students wherever sufficient interest is shown in the particular subject to warrant the formation of a class.

However, there seems to be a misconception among an appreciable percentage of the student body as to the difficulty attendant upon the formation of such a class. Although we have no means of accurately judging the extent of this feeling, we wish to point out the fallacy of such an idea immediately in order to place a check upon its growth.

The officers of administration are not opposed to the teaching of courses in the previously mentioned category. On the contrary, wherever it is possible to offer such a subject, they are heartily in favor of it, provided that it is substituted for an existing course and not added to the already lengthy program of the students. "Influence," that vague and overused term, does not describe what is needed to obtain the formation of special classes of this nature. All that is necessary is sufficient student interest, coupled with the time and ability among the members of the faculty satisfactorily to teach the subject requested.

If the above conditions exist, the faculty will offer no opposition to the installation of the desired course as a temporary feature of the school curriculum. The chief difficulty in the path of such action is the determination of the existence of the first of these conditions. It is undoubtedly possible for a considerable number of men in the school to have an interest in a certain subject and yet for that interest to create no results because of lack of unification.

In view of this fact, we wish to suggest that anyone who has sufficient interest in some academic subject not taught at Armour to attend a class devoted to that subject write a note to the *Armour Tech News* telling the writer's name and what course he desires. Such notes will not be published, the only purpose of this suggestion being to offer to the student body the unifying power held by such an organ as the *Armour Tech News*. Now is the time to plan extra courses for next semester. The subject that you think interests you alone may have fifty adherents in the student body. Why not put a note in the contribution box of the *News* and see what happens?

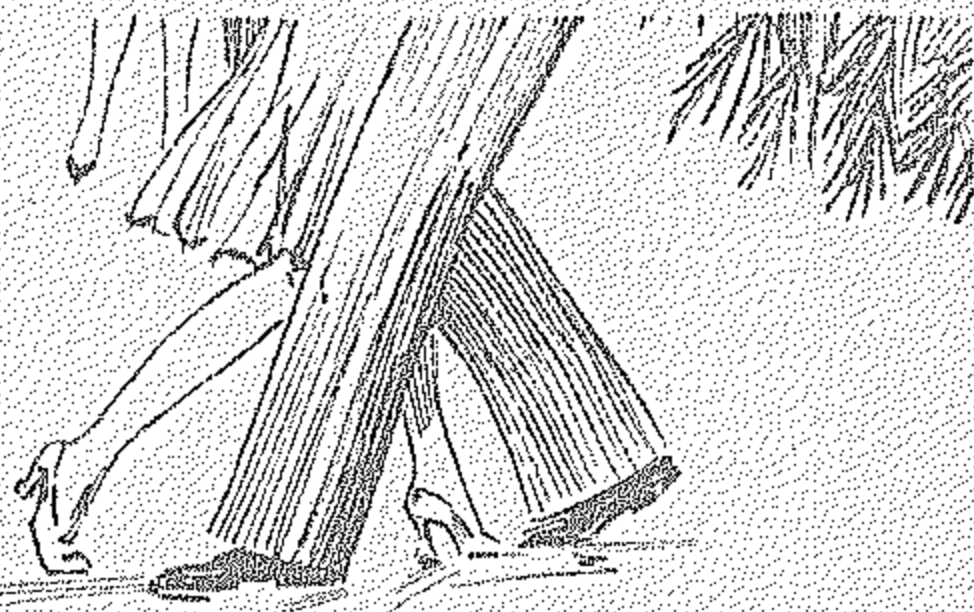
"The Slipstick"

Cleave to "The Slipstick"; let the Slapstick fly where it may.

Not a New Experiment



Title: The Senior Informal.
Object: to trip the light fantastic.
Apparatus: You and the girl friend.
Place: Medinah Athletic Club.
When: Friday evening
Results: A most enjoyable time guaranteed.



Well, how do you like them. We think pretty much of our new Senior Jackets.

We've just found that those fellas who go around in old clothes all day long and give one an impression of so many hobos are only the senior chemicals.

The senior mechanicals are hard at work on their power plants. When Jim forgets whether it was a gate valve or a check valve on that ten inch header at the Palmer House he hops the elevated and goes down to find out—not if it's the Jim we know.

Then senior civils out to Waukegan—we needed at least one day of rest and peace.

Last week, Jim Clear, ace of the Trianon, was showing some of the boys how he always makes such a hit.

Wonder how it feels to walk down Mich. Av. without trousers? Two men whom we know have recently experienced the sensation.

Those senior electricals sure know how to get quizzes and how to get out of them. Last Wednesday there were no erasers in the lecture room; they recited. Last Thursday there were fifty-five erasers; they did not recite.

—WADDY WADSWORTH AND BAND—
—FRIDAY—
—DEC. 11, 1931—
—SENIOR INFORMAL—
—MEDINAH ATHLETIC CLUB—
—GRAND BALLROOM—
—9:30 P. M. UNTIL (?)—
—GET YOUR BIDS NOW—

CONFIDENTIAL REMARK NO. 2

Even condensers get incapacitated. . . . If you want quick returns, write for the magazines. . . . You can't get concentrated H₂O by boiling the water out of it. . . . There's a world of difference between the North Pole and the South Pole. . . . Killing time is not murder; it's worse, it is suicide. . . . There is nothing wrong with propaganda if there is nothing wrong with it.

We read in a well known monthly mag that painless education begins by eliminating pain and ends in eliminating education.

Ain't It the Truth

Moore: "When does a woman really begin to get old?"
Smythe: "When she moves her mirror into a darker corner of her room."

Supervisor: "Hello! Hello! What number do you want?"
Rastus: "Ah doesn't want no numbah."
Sup.: "Then please do not play with the telephone."
Ras.: "Ah ain't playing wif de telephone. De receivah fell in de sugah bowl an' Ah is lickin' off de sugah."

We once heard of an actress who never endorsed any soap, shampoo, powder, bath salts, tooth paste, vanity cases, candy, perfume, or hair nets.
She was a trained seal.

Just Like Him

—Your son at college ordered these photographs from me.

—Ah, yes. They certainly do look very much like him. Did he pay for them?
—No sir. He has not.
—Hummm-mm. Still more like him.

BY PROXY?

"Say, why did you tip your hat to that lady; you don't know her."
"No, but my brother does."
"Well then why did you tip your hat?"
"Because this is my brother's hat."



Last call, men! Get your tickets now! If you don't go you'll surely miss a good time. See you there!

The Bongineer.

Senior Electricals Evade Written Quiz

This is the story of how an ordinary eraser or rather an avalanche of ordinary erasers averted a mental battle, commonly known as an examination.

It seems that Professor Snow, intent on expounding certain theories of electrical nature to his seniors suddenly found that his demand for an eraser greatly exceeded the supply which at the instant was nil.

It so happens that the class was promised a written quiz but because of the absence of erasers Professor Snow nullified this and changed it to an oral quiz.

In order to avert a recurrence of this tragedy, the powers that be immediately set the wheels of industry in motion and Professor Snow found a pyramid on his desk the following day.

This consisted of fifty-five erasers and several boxes of chalk. Strong is the power of suggestion.

Chemicals to Hear Talk on World Fair

Mr. R. B. Harper will be the speaker at the meeting of the Armour chapter of the A. I. Ch. E. next Friday, December 11. His topic, "The Purpose of the World's Fair at 1933" is one of interest to all.

Although not formally connected with the administration department of the Century of Progress Exposition, Mr. Harper has assisted in various capacities on associated committees.

He is vice-president of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, and he will have supervision over the exhibits for all of the gas companies.

Alumni Defeated By Varsity Basketeers

(Continued from page 1)

The varsity showed up well in their first game of the season, with Rossing and Christoph featuring as point makers.

Jennings and Ott Star For Alumni

Jennings and Ott played a good game at the forward posts and Hofer did well on the defense for the Alumni.

Wednesday afternoon Tech's basketeers journeyed to Bartlett Gymnasium and engaged the University of Chicago's basketball team in a practice game. When time was called at the end of the practice, it was found that Armour had won 27-19.

Armour—43		Alumni—25	
G	FT	G	FT
Robin, r. f. 1	1	Jennings, r. f. 3	3
MacLennan, r. f. 0	0	Ott, r. f. 3	2
Christoph, l. f. 5	1	Kuffel, l. f. 0	2
Carlson, l. f. 2	1	Pepe, l. f. 0	1
Ilg, c. 1	2	Kuehn, l. f. 0	0
Beemsterboer, c. 2	1	Guettelman, c. 0	3
Rossing (capt.) r. g. 4	1	O'Connor, c. 0	0
Casey, r. g. 0	2	Hofer, r. g. 0	0
Setterberg, l. g. 2	0	Rutkowski, r. g. 0	2
Omicinski, l. g. 0	0	Manz, l. g. 1	0
Rummel, l. g. 0	0	Yount, l. g. 0	1
Lukas, l. g. 0	0		
Totals 17	9	Totals 7	11

RIFLE CLUB WINS FROM NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

The Armour Tech Rifle team has been busy for the last two weeks shooting several matches.

The first of a series of three matches with the New York Stock Exchange was held two weeks ago. The Institute's team was the victor, winning by a total score of 1860 to their opponents' 1847. The team considers this quite a triumph as they were defeated by the strong New York team last year. The individual totals for the five high men of the shoot are as follows:

Armour	New York Stock Exchange
Wilson 378	Davidowitch 374
Hollman 375	White 372
Patla 373	Frost 370
Sachs 368	Kingman 366
Helmick 366	Arnold 365

Last week the Armour men again triumphed over their opponents of Ontario, California by a decisive total of 1874 to 1812.

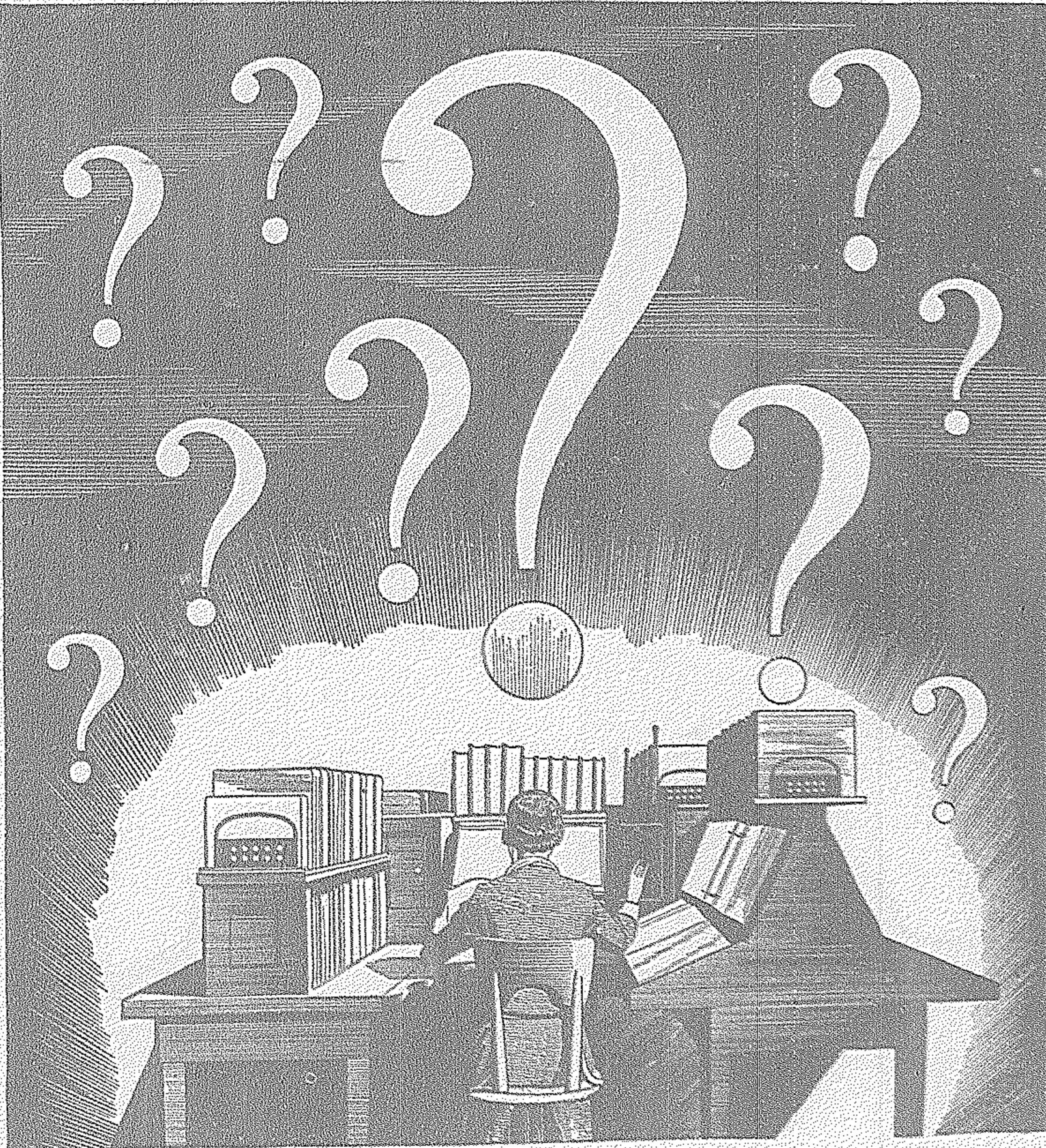
Professor Hendricks' new book "DOUBLE DEALER"

will make an ideal Christmas gift

\$1.00

at the
A. I. T. Bookstore

Robert Packard & Company
Chicago



Problem: how to answer a million a day

Users of Bell System service ask "Information" more than 1,000,000 questions every day. Providing facilities for answering them promptly, correctly, was one problem put up to engineers of the Bell System.

So effective was their solution that this prodigious task is now a matter of smooth routine. They designed desks which enable each operator to reach quickly the listings of some 15,500,000 telephones. They developed apparatus which automatically routes calls to operators not busy—and should all operators be busy at once, it stores up calls and releases them in the order received!

Efficient telephone service depends upon working out interesting problems like this.

BELL SYSTEM



A NATION-WIDE SYSTEM OF INTER-CONNECTING TELEPHONES